

63 8440

~~SECRET~~

8 NOV 1963

Com-18

The Honorable Roswell L. ^{card} Gilpatric
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Ros:

This follows up on our meeting of 22 October which was held to discuss the NRO budget. At this meeting we discussed the problem of how to insure that the NRP is fully responsive to intelligence requirements. I have also discussed this problem at considerable length on two occasions with Dr. Eugene Fubini.

There is, I believe, agreement that the NRO would be strengthened by the active participation of additional officers with CIA experience in various capacities. General Carter and Dr. Wheeler are working with Dr. Fubini and Dr. McCallister to determine assignments appropriate for such officers.

In this connection, our agreement concerning the management of the NRP provides for the designation of appropriate officials of the office of the Secretary of Defense and CIA to examine and monitor on their behalf the activities of the NRO. I have designated Dr. Wheeler to act in this capacity. I am sure that he will work closely and effectively with Dr. Fubini who, I understand, is performing this function on behalf of your office.

We are also agreed, as I understand it, that the procedures under which the Secretary of Defense and I afford policy guidance to the NRO would be greatly improved by regularly scheduled meetings to be attended by appropriate senior officials of DOD, CIA and NRO.

~~SECRET~~

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

~~SECRET~~

Approved For Release 2000/08/28 : CIA-RDP66R00546R000200130021-7

I plan personally to participate in such meetings and hope that you will also find it possible to attend. The meetings would provide an opportunity for regular, periodic review and discussion of the policy aspects of all current programs and activities of the NRO and for policy review and approval of all plans and proposals for future programs and operations.

Sincerely,

John

John A. McGone
Director

25X1A9a

Drafted by: [REDACTED] (7 Nov 63)

Minor changes and prepared in final form: DDCI/MSC:blp (8 Nov)

Distribution:

Original & 1 - Addressee

1 - DCI

1 - Executive Director

1 - DD/S&T

1 - D/DCI/NIPE

1 - ER

NOV 8 4 50 PM '63

~~SECRET~~

Approved For Release 2000/08/28 : CIA-RDP66R00546R000200130021-7